

Appendix A: LEVELS AND AREAS OF LICENSURE

CHART FOR TESTING OUT

INITIAL LICENSURE LEVEL	LICENSURE LEVEL TO TEST OUT OF					
	B-K	K-6	4-8	4-12	7-12	K-12
B-K		X				
P-4*		X	X			
K-6		X	X			
1-6		X	X			
4-8		X	X	X	X	
4-12		X	X	X	X	
7-12			X	X	X	
P-8		X	X	X	X	
K-12			X	X	X	X

* The reference to P-4 here applies only to an applicant who entered a P-4 teacher education program before Fall 2015.

EDUCATORS WITH AN INITIAL LEVEL OF LICENSURE IDENTIFIED UNDER INITIAL LICENSURE LEVEL MAY TEST OUT OF OTHER STANDARD AREAS AND LEVELS OF LICENSURE MARKED WITH THE "X".

EDUCATORS MAY TEST OUT OF LICENSURE AREAS THAT ARE ONE GRADE LEVEL ABOVE OR BELOW THEIR INITIAL LICENSURE AREA AND LEVEL. AREAS OF LICENSURE BEING ADDED BY TESTING OUT SHALL HAVE A SUBJECT SPECIFIC ASSESSMENT TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR TESTING OUT. AREAS OF LICENSURE TO THE INITIAL LICENSURE AREA CANNOT BE USED TO EXPAND THE LEVELS OF LICENSURE THAT CAN BE ADDED BY TESTING OUT. EDUCATOR LICENSURE WILL ADD THE NEW AREA OF LICENSURE ONCE IT HAS RECEIVED A COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH A COPY OF THE PRAXIS SCORE REPORT REFLECTING A PASSING SCORE.

EXCEPTION AREA ENDORSEMENTS, SPECIAL EDUCATION, EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP & SUPERVISION, ANCILLARY LICENSES, AND CAREER AND TECHNICAL AND ADULT EDUCATION CANNOT BE ADDED BY TESTING OUT. THEY CAN BE ADDED ONLY BY COMPLETING COURSEWORK AND THE REQUIRED PRAXIS ASSESSMENT.

EDUCATORS INTERESTED IN ADDING AN ADDITIONAL AREA OF LICENSURE ARE ENCOURAGED TO REFER TO THE RULES GOVERNING EDUCATOR LICENSURE AS ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

WHEN TESTING OUT OF ELEMENTARY K-6 THE EDUCATOR SHALL DOCUMENT SIX (6) HOURS OF INSTRUCTION IN READING THAT INCLUDES AT A MINIMUM THEORIES AND STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING READING, DIAGNOSIS OF READING DIFFICULTIES, INTERVENTION STRATEGIES FOR STRUGGLING READERS, AND DISCIPLINARY LITERACY, AND EITHER A 3-HOUR COURSE IN DISCIPLINARY LITERACY OR A 45-HOUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PIECE IN DISCIPLINARY LITERACY THROUGH ARKANSAS IDEAS.

WHEN TESTING OUT OF MIDDLE CHILDHOOD 4-8, THE EDUCATOR SHALL DOCUMENT THE COMPLETION OF EITHER A 3-HOUR COURSE IN DISCIPLINARY LITERACY OR A 45-HOUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PIECE IN DISCIPLINARY LITERACY THROUGH ARKANSAS IDEAS.

NOTE: PROGRAMS OF STUDY RELATED TO NEW/REVISED LEVELS AND AREAS OF LICENSURE WILL BE IMPLEMENTED BEGINNING FALL 2014.